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New Reporting Requirements for Consumer Confidence Reports

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It is early in the year, but not too early for Community Water Systems to begin preparing their annual Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs). Here are some new reporting requirements to keep in mind as the deadlines near.

Two new requirements effective this year are the Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) Report summaries and the reporting of detected contaminants for the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR). SWAP reports were mailed to drinking water systems in May 2003. The beginning of the report contains a summary paragraph that may be used in the CCR, or a summary developed by the water system may be used. Water systems that maintain sources and sell water to other water systems must provide the systems with SWAP summaries and source monitoring data by April 1.

The UCMR sampling program began in 2001. To date, only two water systems have had contaminants detected. Those water systems must report the average and

range numbers in the CCR. Remember, water system personnel may access UCMR sampling results online.

***The EPA has Information on
Incorporating Source Water
Assessments into CCRs at
[www.epa.gov/safewater/
protect/ccrappx.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/protect/ccrappx.pdf).***

Water systems that maintain surface water sources and serve populations greater than 10,000 will continue to report contaminants that fall under the Disinfectant/Disinfection By-Products Rule. Smaller water systems serving a population of less than 10,000 and adding disinfection (surface water and ground water sources) were required to begin filing monthly reports in 2004. These systems will be required to report these contaminants in the July 2005 CCRs.

If you have questions about the CCR program, contact Frank Dukes at (803) 898-3988 or e-mail dukeswf@dhec.sc.gov.

Things to Remember About CCRs

2004 Reporting Deadlines

April 1 (or other date mutually agreed upon): Wholesalers report source water information to retailers. This information includes Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) summaries, detected contaminants and/or violations related to source water monitoring.

July 1: Final reports (not drafts) are due at the Bureau of Water and to customers. Draft reports submitted to the Department for review are not considered final reports.

October 1 (or 90 days after distributing the final report, whichever is first): CCR Certification is due at the Bureau of Water.

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Upcoming Events

Drinking Water Week

May 2-8, 2004

For more information, visit
www.awwa.org/advocacy/dww/

Backflow Prevention Workshop

April 13-15, 2004

Columbia, S.C.

For more information, call

(803) 898-3567

or visit [www.scdhec.gov/water/html/
dwbflow.html](http://www.scdhec.gov/water/html/dwbflow.html)

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Need To Know

Operator Certification Information

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Environmental Certification Board Meetings Scheduled for 2004

All meetings will be held at the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC (Synergy Business Park - Columbia, Exit 63 off I-20). The meetings will be on Tuesdays, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 111. Proper notification will be made should there be any changes or cancellations to the schedule. Meeting dates are listed below.

- March 9, 2004
- May 11, 2004
- July 13, 2004
- September 14, 2004
- November 9, 2004

Notice of Drafting

The Environmental Certification Board proposes to amend current Regulation Chapter 51 to conform to the statutory amendments to acts governing the Board. The proposed regulatory amendments conform to those statutory amendments as well as provide general updated language. Interested persons may submit comments to Dona J. Caldwell, Administrator, South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing,

and Regulation, Environmental Certification Board, P.O. Box 11409, Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1409.

Small Water Systems Offered Reimbursement Grant

The Environmental Certification Board within the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, in cooperation with the Department of Health and Environmental Control, is announcing a new grant program for the operators of small water systems. Federal funding provided by the Safe Drinking Water Act is available to reimburse operators and would-be operators the costs related to water distribution certification and training. The Operator Fee Reimbursement Grant will provide funding for a variety of no-cost training programs and offset the costs associated with obtaining and maintaining water distribution licensure.

The reimbursement program focuses on community and non-transient, non-community public water systems serving 3,300 or fewer persons.

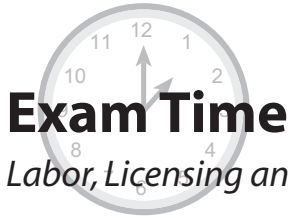
The systems covered may be investor, privately owned, or publicly owned water systems. Under state law, all community and non-transient, non-

community water systems are required to have a certified operator making process control decisions. These 900 systems provide drinking water to schools, factories, mobile home parks and other small facilities.

The Environmental Certification Board will provide reimbursement of application fees, testing fees and two (2) years of renewal fees to eligible operators. As allowed by the Grants Administration Division, these reimbursement fees can be awarded to eligible operators for costs incurred between July 1, 2000 until August 30, 2006.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control will provide trainers to conduct regional training workshops in various locations throughout the state at no cost to eligible operators, to provide the necessary training for licensure and continuing education. They will also develop an online training program, which will be offered free of charge to eligible operators.

For additional information on fee reimbursement, please contact Donna Caldwell, Administrator, Environmental Certification Board at (803)896-4430, or e-mail caldweld@llr.sc.gov



Exam Time

Labor, Licensing and Regulation Operator Certification Exam Dates

These exam dates are available to all biological, physical/chemical, water, well driller, water distribution and CPO/SPA applicants **unless otherwise noted**. Exam request forms should be mailed back to the Board's office several months in advance. Requests are accepted for enrollment on a first-come, first-served basis. All open exams will begin at 1:00 PM at the given location. You are required to be in the Exam room no later than 12:45 PM. **There will be no admittance to the exam after 1:00pm.**

For applications and exam request forms, call (803) 896-4430. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mailing address: Environmental Certification Board, P.O. Box 11409, Columbia, S.C. 29211-1409.

Physical address: Environmental Certification Board (Synergy Business Park-Columbia), 110 Centerview Dr. (Exit 63 off I-20), Columbia, S.C. 29210.

EXAM DATE	LOCATION
April 02, 2004	CPO ONLY Horry-Georgetown Technical - Grand Strand Campus Building 600
April 07, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
April 22, 2004	Greenville Technical - CE Center Building 910
April 28, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
May 05, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
May 13, 2004	Trident Technical - Charleston - CE Center Building 910
May 14, 2004	CPO ONLY Horry-Georgetown Tech - Grand Strand Campus Building 600
May 19, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
June 09, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
June 22, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
July 07, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
July 22, 2004	Trident Technical - Charleston - CE Center Building 910
July 28, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
August 04, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
August 12, 2004	Greenville Technical - CE Center Building 910
August 18, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
September 01, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
September 16, 2004	Trident Technical - Charleston - CE Center Building 910
September 21, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
October 06, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
October 20, 2004	LLR-Columbia - Room 105
October 21, 2004	Greenville Technical - CE Center Building 910
November 03, 2004	LLR-Columbia Room 105
November 10, 2004	Trident Technical - Charleston CE Center Building 910
November 16, 2004	LLR-Columbia Room 105
December 08, 2004	LLR-Columbia Room 105
December 09, 2004	Greenville Technical - CE Center Building 910
December 15, 2004	LLR-Columbia Room 105



Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center

*From The National Drinking Water Clearinghouse Web site,
a service of the National Environmental Training Center for Small Communities.*

The WaterISAC, officially launched in December, will be a secure site that supports drinking water and wastewater utilities' efforts to protect critical water infrastructure.

Relying on information gathered from utilities' security incident reports, federal law enforcement, intelligence, and public health and environment agencies, WaterISAC analysts will offer physical and cyber security information to the water sector. WaterISAC will provide a link between utilities and federal agencies, serve as a forum for discussions of sensitive information and provide access to research and other resources for improving security and planning for emergencies. To learn more, visit www.waterisac.org.

Governor Proclaims May 2-8 Drinking Water Week

Governor Mark Sanford has proclaimed May 2nd through 8th as Drinking Water Week in South Carolina. Drinking Water Week recognizes South Carolina's public drinking water industry for their commitment and hard work in providing South Carolinians with safe, clean drinking water. The Governor "encourages everyone to work together to maintain clean and healthy drinking water throughout the Palmetto State."

National Drinking Water Week is commemorated annually by the American Water Works Association,

which is committed to raising public awareness and understanding of drinking water. Many water utilities throughout the country will participate in the celebrations by providing workshops, presentations to schools, or by featuring essay and poster contests. Visit www.awwa.org/dww for more creative ideas on how your utility and community can celebrate Drinking Water Week.



Things to Remember About CCRs

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CCR Certification states how the water system distributed the report **and** details the steps taken to notify customers of the report's availability. This information may be documented in a letter or on a form provided by the Bureau.

Foreign Language Requirement

One requirement of the CCR is to include a statement in a foreign language(s) if a significant portion of the population speaks a language other than English. In South Carolina, a

significant portion is defined as greater than ten percent. If you need examples of foreign language statements, they are located in the EPA's *Preparing Your Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report, Guide for Water Suppliers* or at www.epa.gov/safewater/ccr1.html.

DHEC Contact

Since there are some new reporting requirements, now is an excellent time to start writing CCRs. If you have questions about the CCR program, contact Frank Dukes at (803) 898-3988 or e-mail dukeswf@dhec.sc.gov.



And the Winners Are....

The Best CCRs Honored

We are pleased to announce that Spartanburg Water System and Bamberg Board of Public Works, both representing the State of South Carolina, recently won the EPA Region 4 Award for best Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in their respective categories for the year 2002. Spartanburg won for the Large Surface Water System and Bamberg won for the Medium Ground Water System. This is the third straight year Spartanburg has won and the first year SC has submitted nominees for more than one category. We encourage all our water systems to compete for the 2003 award. The Department is willing to assist any water system that would like to compete. For further information, contact Frank Dukes at (803) 898-3988 or send an e-mail to dukeswf@state.sc.gov.

EPA Region 4 Winners:

Small Ground Water: City of Guyton, GA

Medium Surface Water: Butts County Water & Sewer Authority, GA

Medium Ground Water: Bamberg Board of Public Works, SC

Large Surface Water: Spartanburg Water System, SC

Large Ground Water: Memphis Light, Gas, and Water, TN

Nominees for South Carolina:

Medium Surface Water: Kiawah Island Water System

Medium Ground Water: Bamberg Water System

Large Surface Water: Spartanburg Water System.

Large Ground Water: Breezy Hill



Spartanburg Water System's John Westcott and Alicia Wilson accept an award for the Outstanding Consumer Confidence Report in the category of Large Surface Water System.

Protecting Drinking Water Through Underground Injection Control: Drinking Water Pocket Guide #2

Protecting Drinking Water Through Underground Injection Control: Drinking Water Pocket Guide is now available. The guide is second in a series of pocket-sized outreach and assistance publications from EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water. They are designed to give an overview of the Underground Injection Control Programs: importance to drinking water, Safe Drinking Water mandate, classification system, historical time line, five pathways of contamination, information on each well class, strategic program priorities, contact information and more. The booklet can be downloaded at www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/pdfs/uicpocketbook.pdf, or ordered by calling the Safe Drinking Water hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Enforcement Division Report

During October 1, 2003–December 31, 2003, the Enforcement Division issued 4 Consent Agreements, 58 Consent Orders, 6 Administrative Orders and 1 Emergency Order. The Water Enforcement Division assessed approximately \$856,190.00 during the fourth quarter of 2003.

More information about enforcement activities within DHEC may be found at www.scdhec.gov/eqc/admin/html/eqcmain.html#Enforcement.

	*(CA)	(CO)	(AO)	(EO)
Agricultural Facilities		3		
Dams and Reservoirs				
Drinking Water		13	1	1
Groundwater	4			
Recreational Waters		3	1	
Residential Wells		1		
Stormwater & Sediment Control		7	1	
Wastewater		31	3	

*Consent Agreement/Consent Order/Administrative Order/Emergency Order

Bureau of Water Telephone Numbers

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(803) 898-4300

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